

REMARKS

Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to recite a process for producing a compound of formula I and a compound of formula VII. Claim 12 is amended to recite a process for producing a compound of formula III and a compound of formula X. See, for example, page 17, line 11 – page 18, line 12, page 23, line 2, - page 24, line 9, and reaction schemes 1 and 2 at page 25.

In a recent telephone conversation, Examiner Ariani suggested amending claim 1 to recite a process for producing a compound of formula VII by subjecting a compound of formula II to an enzymatic diastereomeric resolution to obtain a compound of formula I. However, claim 1 is amended above to recite that both a compound of formula I and a compound of formula VII are produced, as described in applicants' specification. Similar amendments are made to claim 12.

Allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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